

REMARKS

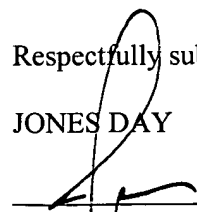
This responds to the office action mailed on December 04, 2006. Claims 1, 14 and 16 are amended. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Independent claims 1, 14 and 16 have been amended to further define the subject matter being claimed by providing that the text input events may be directed to different ones of the plurality of input methods based on the text input component that received the text input event. Support for these claim amendments may, for example, be found in the specification at page 4, line 18 through page 5, line 2. For example, the specification describes an example embodiment in which text entered into one field of an electronic messaging application (*e.g.*, the recipient field) may be directed to one input method, while text entered into a second field of the electronic messaging application (*e.g.*, the message text field) may be directed to a different input method. For instance, text entered into the recipient field (*i.e.*, "TO" field) may be directed to a North American input method (110) so that the recipient email address is entered in English characters, while text entered into the text message field may be directed to a different input method (110) so that the email message may be written in a language other than English.

None of the cited references disclose the feature of directing text input events to different input methods based on the text input component that received the text input event. Accordingly, the patent owner respectfully submits that claims 1-17, as amended, are patentable over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to enter this Amendment and pass this case to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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